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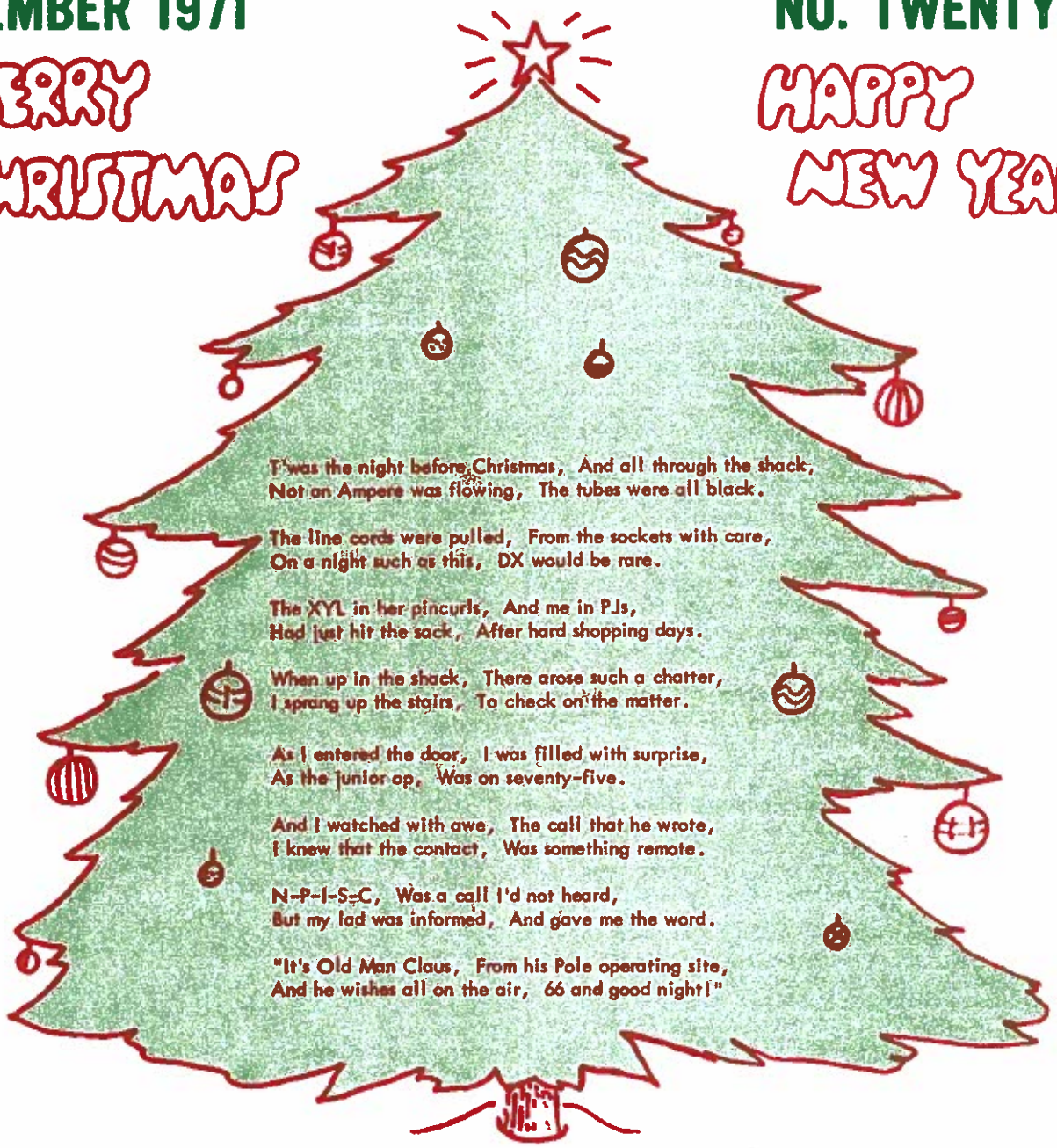
HAPPY NEW YEAR



'Twas the night before Christmas, And all through the shack,
Not an Ampere was flowing, The tubes were all black.

The line cords were pulled, From the sockets with care,
On a night such as this, DX would be rare.

The XYL in her pincurls, And me in PJs,
Had just hit the sack, After hard shopping days.

When up in the shack, There arose such a chatter,
I sprang up the stairs, To check on the matter.

As I entered the door, I was filled with surprise,
As the junior op, Was on seventy-five.

And I watched with awe, The call that he wrote,
I knew that the contact, Was something remote.

N-P-I-S-C, Was a call I'd not heard,
But my lad was informed, And gave me the word.

"It's Old Man Claus, From his Pole operating site,
And he wishes all on the air, 66 and good night!"

Written by Harv Hamer, K9YHO, one Christmas Eve before his rig (courtesy Smoke Signals)

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE BLESSED AND MAY 1972 BE A HAPPY YEAR FOR YOU AND YOURS!!

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PRESIDENT'S NEWS AND VIEWS

Last September I attended a meeting at the Bavarian C l u b to discuss a repeater on 2-meter FM for Milwaukee. This repeater has been purchased by two Milwaukee hams, John Le Feber W9VAT and Dick Robbins WB9AIS. They have selected a frequency of 146.34 IN and 146.76 OUT This repeater will have open access, squelch controlled, except at times when skip or good signal conditions would open all repeaters and then they will change the access t o 2250 Hz tone control. The antenna will be oriented to give greatest gain to the north and about half that gain to the west and east with zero DB gain to the south. The repeater call is WB9ADX. John and Dick state that this repeater is for all amateurs to use. They also would like us to monitor it so that we c a n welcome all traveling amateurs to our city. We were asked to join a club to set the policy of their equipment only and to help defray the cost of its operation, rental of building space and tower, electric current, telephone and maintenance. You do not have to belong to the c l u b to use the repeater. I joined the Milwaukee Repeater Club not to set policy, not to be a joiner, only to help with the costs of its operation. It seems to me that these two men have made a big step to give Milwaukee a link to the rest of the country's amateurs that travel into our great state via 2-meters. Although the repeater has been on the air at different locations, it will be at its new location on Prospect Hill. John and Dick say they will have another meeting two months after the repeater has been in operation to get reactions to its operation and for recommendations. You may get a card and it will be announced on regular AREC Monday Night net. Everyone will be invited, so try to attend.

I have tried to give you enough information so that you can get into the repeater if you h a v e xtals for your net. There are many s t a t i o n s throughout the U.S. that use these same frequencies so you will not be buying xtals for this area only. I am very pleased with the 2-meter activity, not only in this area, but throughout the country. By using xtal control and fixed frequencies, we have entered into the one advantage the CBers had over the amateurs for emergency and service activities.

Dick Oberholtzer, W9ZPV

FOR SALE - OLD RADIO PARTS from 1910. Some very old books from 1880 (poems and children's). Frank 461-1958 after 5:30.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN.....W9JWT

A view of Reid Burrow's shack would show a complete wall covered with Certificates. All told, he has over 200 of them getting the CHC-200 "Top Honors." They represent many hours of many contacts and would be called a "Ham's Ham!" All this began way back in grade school days in the early 20's. Doing his thing via the usual radio magazine route, his most momentous incident was bootlegging before getting 9DDU in 1925. He was heard 12 miles away using a carbon mike in the ground circuit of a super-regen. His stint in bootlegging even had a theme song, "Three O'Clock in the Morning," usually broadcast at noon. Other pre-ham activities was sending SWL cards to hams all over the country for QSL's and he still has a stack in his collection. He remembers heroworshipping 5ZAV from afar, not daring to knock on his door, j u s t viewing the antennas from the street. (Moral: invite in the beginner or novice--he could be another Reid!..ed) After getting his license, he got on the air with a Schnell transmitter with a pair of 10's in the Hartley circuit, all homebrew of course. He maintained skeds with Don Mix at WNP and used to astound the neighbors with news from the North Pole. His present call was issued in 1931 and his best pre-War II certificate was WAS on 160 fone.

During WWII, now Capt. Burrows, served as radio-radar officer in the Marines and constructed and maintained a Navy shore radio station on Peleliu Island. This station was the main communication center for Mac Arthur's push into the Philippines. During this time, thru the much enjoyed MRAC Newsletters, he received packets of vegetable and flower seeds from the fellows of the Club. He remembers eating well of vegetables and especially corn-on-the-cob. Even then he was a flower lover and relates making like a bee pollinating the plants.

He will be remembered by many young hams thru his ham and teaching activities. He was trustee for MSOE's W9HHX while teaching there after the war. He was active in Boy Scout circles and recently taught radio and electronics at Waukesha County Tech School. His recent activities are in County and certificate hunting and also serving as president and secretary in the 9-Land Club. Now doubly retired as a Marine Corp Colonel and a transformer engineer from Allis-Chalmers, he and his XYL Ruth will soon move (see address correction this issue.) They have a married daughter teaching in Madison and son Ensign Dave WA9CSR, after graduating from Annapolis and completing his master's at Michigan State, is now studying nuclear power at Mare Island to continue his duties. Altho Reid uses the phonetics "Just Wanna Talk," his XYL refers to his call, probably expressing many XYL's sentiments, "Wonderful Niner Just Wasting Time," just jesting, of course. H e will be listening on 15 and 20 for you all as W9JWT/5 soon from New Mexico anxious to work back home.

DUES TO BE INCREASED TO $4

The Board authorized the increase of dues from $3 to $4 in order to keep up with the increased operating costs. This is the first increase in over twenty years. It is interesting to note that dues in 1932 were $2.50 a year. The Board further thanks the Life Members who continue to pay their dues. It was suggested that other non-paying members send in a small donation to cover publication and other expenses. (Meeting notices, Hama' Chatter, etc.) Delinquent members can pay back dues at the $3 rate.

FOR SALE - Halli HT40 and xtals, Allied A2515 receiver, general coverage with bandspread. WB9GKZ 258-4918.

QCWA CHARTER-DINNER MEETING

The Wisconsin Chapter of QCWA had an auspicious beginning at the Charter meeting September 25th. This was held at the Downtowner Motel in Green Bay. There were 57 present with 35 QCWA members. A very FB family style dinner was enjoyed by all and while the OMs were having the business meeting, the XYLs were enjoying a floral demonstration at TV Station WBAY by Norman Hanson. W9DOL, W9BKD and W9VOW were the committee that made this a success. The free QCWA banner arrived in the nick of time.

WN9EHA gave a very FB presentation of the Constitution and By-laws as discussed at the organizational meeting May 15th. The nominating committee, W9DXV and W9EDS, presented their slate with nominations from the floor. The permanent chairmen is W9NRP, vice-chairman W9BKD, treasurer, W9VQD and secretary W9CTI. The balance of the board are W9EWC, W9ESJ, W9CUA and alternate W9JPV. 50-year certificates were presented to WN9EHA, W9FY, W9GF, K9DD, W9DR, W9EQ and absent W9KAJ.

All members are urged to send in their dues so that the Charter Roster can be completed. The secretary is planning a souvenir charter membership certificate combined with the roster. Send your initial $2 to Travis Baird W9VQD, 6215 Ironwood Lane, Milwaukee, Wis., 53217.

On Nov. 6th the board met at W9ESJ's with chairman W9NRP presiding. Other board members present were: W9BKD W9VQD, W9CTI, W9CUA and W9ESJ. The following items were discussed and/or approved: (1) Dues are payable at the annual Fall Meeting. (2) Souvenir certificate-roster as presented by W9CTI approved. (3) Midland Bank was approved as the official QCWA Wisconsin Chapter bank. (4) Spring Meeting discussed with possible picnic-pot-luck suggested. (5) A newsletter will be published by W9VQD with W9CTI reporting. W9NRP donates a mimeograph machine for the work. (6) Suggestions were made for speakers for the annual meeting. (7) A roster for Net-control will be made. Volunteers accepted. (8) Incorporation was discussed. (9) A goal for the organization was suggested and revival of the Wisconsin "Ham of the Year" was discussed.

The following is the Charter Roll:

W9AQZ	W9BAS	W9BG	W9BKD	WB9BOT	W9CAS
W9CCD	W9CM	WB9CSQ	W9CTI	W9CUA	W9CUJ
W9CUW	W9CZZ	K9DD	K9DOL	W9DR	W9DXV
W9DZE	W9EAU	W9EDS	WN9EHA	W9EJD	W9ELY
W9ESJ	W9EWC	W9FMI	W9FY	W9GF	W9GIL
W9GPV	W9GSP	W9GYQ	W9HHG	W9KAJ	W9JWT
W9KHE	W9KRO	W9MDG	W9NJH	W9NSE	W9NZF
W9OTL	W9OUT	W9PH	W9QYH	W9RKP	W9RNZ
W9RZL	W9SFK	W9SNH	W9SQJ	W9SZH	W9TKZ
W9UGN	W9UIV	W9VKC	WA9VNF	W9VOW	W9VQD
W9MVL	W9ZPV	W9KIZ	W9DFJ		

Silent Keys W9ONY W9VZP

W9CTI, Secretary

OLD TIMER'S NIGHT

This year the Old Timer's Night will be held at the same place, Pabst Blue Ribbon Hall, 9th and Juneau at the usual time of 7:30 p.m. BUT the day is Tuesday, I repeat TUESDAY, January 11th. The committee tried to get the usual Thursday time and even threatened to turn to a competitor, but to no avail! Where can we get a free hall with free beer and pretzel for free, hi! Sooooo...come and bring your memorabilia and see your Old Time friends and new ones, too.

ELIGIBLE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Bernard D. Moores	K9KLM
Jeanne Pavek	W9OMZ
Fred Schmidt	W9ESR
Patrick H. Shanahan	W9UNJ
Arthur C. Strege	W9NMA

Certificates will be presented at O.T.'s Night.

SILENT KEYS

We regret to record the passing of two pioneer members of MRAC:

Cornelius M. Prinslow, ex90V, who with the late Loy S. H. Baird founded the club in 1917, joined the roll of silent keys on Aug. 26th at the age of 69. Connie had a long career with Wis. Electric Power Co. extending from 1920 to his retirement as Asst. Superintendent in 1960. He had been an inveterate collector of radio equipment, literature, and radio tubes, and he had asked that his tube collection be turned over to MRAC provided that it can be placed on permanent display and would not be scattered. Connie was also a past president of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society and was active in Masonic and other organizations.

John G. Montague, K9RLJ, died Aug. 1st at the age of 68. Your reporter is not sure that Monty was a charter member of the club, but I do remember that he was active before 1920 along with Rudy Teschan, Bert Lord, Loy Baird and myself. John spent his entire career as an officer in the Pittsburgh Fleet of U.S. Steel Corp., retiring as Captain. Monty maintained his active participation in Ham Radio to the very end. His widow has donated his radio gear to help youngsters get started. She also has a number of books which she has offered to the club. (The MRAC board extend thanks for the offers.)

C.S. Polacheck, ex-9DTK

CHATTER

The following taken from Radio Club of Tacoma's "The Loggers Bark" reflects many of the ham's sentiments. W7BUN, in reporting the ham booth at the Fair Grounds, said, "one woman came up to our counter, grabbed my hand and shook it. She said her husband was overseas and amateurs had been phone-patching for them but this was the first opportunity she had ever had to personally shake the hand of an amateur and say 'thanks' to all of us. After that, all the effort to set up and man our display seemed completely worthwhile!"

Anyone who is able to phone-patch Roanoke, Va. please contact the editor.

Club papers are exchanged and are available to anyone interested in reading them.

AREC AND EMERGENCY

Parades have been the order of the activity this fall with the Loyalty Day and Veteran's Parade. The Vet's Parade ran from Jackson and Wisconsin up the Avenue to 10th St. It's reported that it was very cold and long johns were recommended as part of the uniform of the day. With K9CMX in charge and K9KJT as NCS those participating were WA9FIH, WA9MME, WA9ATK, WA9POV, WB9BWP, and WA9JLU. A suitcase repeater is being researched and would be invaluable in parade communications. The Pumpkin Watch was again the order of Halloween night. Those riding saddle were WA9POV, W9KYT, W9SUF, K9KJT, W9VQD, W9CWI, K9CMX, WA9MME, WA9HAD, W9WVL, K9ZYS, WA9RUX, WB9BWP, W9NYL and W9CUZ relaying from his chairnautical mobile. WA9MME holds some kind of record for the last three watches being 10-7 each time. Probably needs a new battery! Sheriff's Department gives much credit to AREC for the success of the watch. There were no incidents reported by the watches except two accidents. We are making an appeal early for participants for next year. Each mobile should have two ops so you don't have to have a rig--just the body, hi!

Bob Goldstein, K9KJT SEC

FEEDBACK OZAUKEE

W9RXJ made his DXCC and is now going to try to make it again as a WØ. When they moved, there was one van of household goods and one van load of ham gear, sort of His and Hers. Hal is also taking his 120' tower. November meeting was a farewell t r e a t by Hal and birthday treat by Gery WA9UJK. "Au revoir, Hal, but not goodbye! CÜ on the air!" WA9GDA home-brewed a monster tribander --built like a battleship and won't fall down-- but it won't tune up properly, either! He needs help to tune and all those over 30 feet tall with 10' arms please see Faus. Country Boy WA9UJK at Channel 36 master control will never be the same, "Help! Which program next? Where is the trouble log? But ah! is position 4 beautiful!" New members: Harriet Recht WN9IAZ, Adrian Munnik. WA9RPB successfully transmitted an ATV pix to Grafton on 432 MHz with acceptable quality. Vic W9TUJ has been at St. Nick's Hospital in Sheboygan and should be home now and getting well. New address: Hal Giese W9RXJ/Ø, 340 20th Street, N.W., Stewartville, Minn. 55976.

Ed Bach, WA9BMA

UWM AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

This newly formed club has for President, Steve Bratz WA9WYF and Vice-President, Ed Andrews WA9UQN. There is no funding on campus so they have been relying on donation of equipment. They are now in need of a receiver, or even a loan. Any other equipment from small parts to old equipment will be appreciated. Contact Ed Andrews, WA9UQN at 466-3590.

SMOKE SIGNALS BARABOO

The Annual Family Banquet had 53 present at Fischer's Supper Club in Lake Delton. K9PKQ was MC in place of K9JYX who had duties as volunteer smoke eater that night. Sherm Carr, W9NGT addressed the group stressing the necessity of emergency communications and reminded them of "Operation Snowshoe" coming soon. September issue had a pix of Bernie ex-W9ZPP, past Pres. MRAC and ex-SEC. He's now W3FSQ and looks good with his hirsute adornment. The club's six-month activity has 15 signed up. Home-brew nite brought out six entries. C l u b auction October 12th netted $60 with K9GSC pounding the block. Bill Darling, WN9IDW is a new ham and WN9ECO and WN9HBP passed their general. Smoke Signals was rated first in Amateur Radion News Service Club paper competition. Even tho there were only two papers entered in their class, SS would have rated high. (Congrats!--Hamateur Chatter placed on tie third place....ed)

SS proclaims their superior copy, therefore this is reprinted.

Jim Romelfanger, K9PKQ

CONGRATULATIONS TO:.....Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macon, K9BTQ for No. 2 son Robert Thomas, October 15th. Please keep the editor informed of the growth of the population.

MRAC VALENTINE PARTY EARLY NOTICE

T h e 11th Annual MRAC Valentine Dinner-Dance Party will be held Feb. 12th. The new location will be again Moser's at 31st and Lisbon. Be an Early Bird and reserve this date with Russ Burss, W9RKP. Says Russ, "Bring your YL or XYL, but not both!"

HAMTRIX WEST ALLIS

Hamtrix is being published with a new stencil mimeograph and is a fine copy. Appeal is made for more active participation in club affairs. Swap-auction night was a success with many items donated to the club. Many fine bargains went by the board altho the attendance was low. Thanks to those donating equipment and to those buying-- you both profit! Novice code and theory classes are being conducted by the club.

New officers for 71-72 season are:

President	Ron Gorski	W9KYZ
Vice-Pres.	Pat Deogh	WB9GKZ
Secretary	Michael Prah	WB9BTR
Treasurer	Tom Macon	K9BTQ
Sgt. of Arms	Lynn Tamblyn	WA9KRF

Pres. Ron plans an agressive program of technical demonstrations, not just a lot of talk. Technical help to members, promote operating activities and field tours are some of the activities planned. All members are urged to attend all meetings and PARTICIPATE IN YOUR CLUB!!

Lynn Tamblyn, WA9KRF

9-LAND DXCC CONVENTION

The 9th District DXCC Convention was held in Chicago on September 18th and chaired by our DXer W9GIL. About 125 area DXers were present and the local hounds were out enforce. John got a standing vote of thanks for running the FB convention and as a topper, he received his 5BDXCC Certificate #115 dated August 27th. Nice going, John!

ON-THE-AIR ACTIVITIES AND CHATTER

West Allis was again first in Ninth area FD in their class (3A) with 1889 contacts. Ozaukee came in fourth in the same class with 1427 contacts. Both had a novice position.

W9VQD worked WB8FUH in Michigan with his handy-talky on 2 FM with a whip.

WB9AUE got this Advanced and First Class commercial fone.

WA9GAQ remembers, as a kid, sitting with W9ONY in his mobile as he worked 10meter DX down by the lake.

W2HH/9 is now W9JK.

W9NYJ and WA9BMA from Ozaukee RC attended MRAC auction but were too smart (or cheap) to buy anything.

Russ Greenwood W9IO is going to DL-land.

W9BTQ has been conducting a Novice class at the Waukesha Tech School and has graduated 10 students. They are now on the way to getting their Generals.

W9UGN, looking thru the QCWA Roster, saw the name of his GI sidekick Ed Fells W6FTU and traced him down. It was over 30 years since their last meeting.

Reid Burrows W9JWT/5 has been in QSO with hams in this area.

WB9BGJ got his 3CØ QSL -- did you?

MILWAUKEE REPEATER

W9VAT informs us that the Milwaukee Repeater Club will be incorporated and donations (dues) will be tax-free. They are now located on their permanent location on Prospect Hill and operating back to normal after a few days of transmitter trouble with 120 watts on the air. A meeting will be announced soon, so be looking for it. We hope to have the date by press time. A r e a 2- meter operators would do well to support this project.